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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA--

TREATMENT IN BRAZILIAN PRESS

REF. BRASILIA'S 4428

1. SUMMARY. MAJOR BRAZILIAN PAPERS ALL GIVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT TO SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SILVEIRA, BASED ON SILVEIRA INTERVIEW AFTER THE MEETING (WHICH WAS SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL). PAPERS REPORT THAT SECRETARY, ACCORDING TO SILVEIRA, HAS REAFFIRMED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THAT SILVEIRA ANNOUNCES END OF US PRESSURE AGAINST

FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR ACCORD. FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF WHAT SILVEIRA REPORTEDLY SAID. END SUMMARY.

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2. UNDER HEADLINE, "VANCE GUARANTEES DIALOGUE IS REOPENED," O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, JUNE 1, REPORTS THAT THERE ARE NO MORE NORTH AMERICAN PRESSURES AGAINST BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR PROJECT AND THAT THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS IN FULL FORCE. THIS INFORMATION, THE PAPER CONTINUES, AT THE END OF SILVEIRA'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY, CONFIRMED THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN

BRASILIA AND WASHINGTON, WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITH MRS. CARTER'S VISIT NEXT WEEK. IN BRASILIA, THE PAPER CONTINUES, IT IS COMMENTED THAT THE CLIMATE OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN MRS. CARTER AND PRESIDENT GEISEL DEPENDED ON THE SUCCESS OF YESTERDAY'S MEETING. "US DENOUNCES BRAZIL IN THE GATT", PAPER CARRIES REPORT, ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, THAT US HAD DENOUNCED BRAZIL IN THE GATT FOR IMPOSING EXPORT RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS PRODUCTS--SUCH AS COFFEE, HARDWOOD, AND LEATHER, ETC.--FOR THE PURPOSE OF MANIPULATING INTERNATIONAL PRICES.)

3. UNDER HEADING "CONFIRMED FOR JULY OR AUGUST THE VISIT TO BRAZIL", O ESTADO, ON INSIDE PAGE, REPRODUCES FULL TEXT OF SILVEIRA'S INTERVIEW AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. SILVEIRA, ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, TERMED THE MEETING VERY CONSTRUCTIVE, LATER ON IN THE INTERVIEW CALLED IT VERY REASONABLE. THE SECRETARY, ACCORDING TO SILVEIRA, SAID HE WAS SATISFIED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GO TO BRAZIL BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST, AND WOULD BE ABLE TO PROPOSE SOME DATES DURING THEIR NEXT MEETING IN GRANADA. HE HAD TOLD THE SECRETARY THAT BRAZIL WAS A COUNTRY WHERE NO ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT OF ANY KIND EXISTED AND WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WATCHES CAREFULLY THAT THIS SENTIMENT NOT BE CREATED. EVIDENTLY, GIVEN THE VOLUME OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL, IT WOULD BE AN ILLUSION TO THINK THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON SOME SUBJECTS. INTERESTS MANY TIMES DID NOT COINCIDE, BUT THIS WAS NOT TO SAY THAT "WE SHOULD NOT TALK". BY MEANS OF FRANK AND HONEST CONVERSATIONS IT WAS POSSIBLE TO AVOID "ACCIDENTS OF THE ROAD". HE, SILVEIRA, HAD SAID TO THE SECRETARY THAT HE THOUGHT THEY COULD CREATE A MORE MATURE SITUATION OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BECAUSE BRAZIL HAD CHANGED IN BULK AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE FACED IN THAT FORM; WITHOUT CONCEIT OR THE DESIRE TO BE MORE
THAN BRAZIL IS, BUT WITH ITS SPECIFIC WEIGHT.

4. AS FOR THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, SILVEIRA REPORTEDLY
SAID HE HAD RESPONDED TO THE SECRETARY THAT BRAZIL ALSO CONSIDERS
THE MEMORANDUM TO BE IN EFFECT," ALTHOUGH WE (I.E. THE GOB) WOULD
HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO ADMIT THAT ONE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES "NO LONGER
ACCEPTS IT."

5. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, THE REPORTER ASKED WHETHER AS A RESULT
OF THE MEETING SILVEIRA BELIEVED THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE TRAVELING
TOWARD A RAPID NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. SILVEIRA SAID HE THOUGHT
SO, SINCE THE SECRETARY HAD MOREOVER SPOKEN TO HIM ABOUT MEETINGS
OF THE WORKING GROUPS WHICH HAD BEEN CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE
SIGNATURE OF THE MEMORANDUM. (SILVEIRA MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY
THE SUBGROUPS ON TRADE AND ENERGY.)

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION WAS TO REACTIVATE THIS WHOLE
MACHINERY IMMEDIATELY.

6. SILVEIRA REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD RAISED THE
SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BRAZIL'S POSITION WAS VERY VERY CLEAR. "WE
ACCEPT DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT IN INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS. WHAT
WE DO NOT ACCEPT IS INTERFERENCE IN BRAZIL". HE SAID HE BELIEVED
THAT BRAZIL HAD AN EXCELLENT RECORD IN REGARD TO RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AT THIS TIME ON ITS OWN CONTINENT.

7. COMMENTING ON THE NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, SILVEIRA REPORTEDLY SAID
THE US POSITION HAD EVOLVED. BRAZIL WAS A COUNTRY WHICH
CLEARLY IS AGAINST THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. "WE DO
NOT THINK THAT THE FACT THERE IS VERTICAL PROLIFERATION FAR MORE
IMPORTANT THAT THE HORIZONTAL ONE CAN SERVE AS EXCUSE FOR
HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION, ALTHOUGH IT BE LESS IMPORTANT. WE
ACCEPT ALL SAFEGUARDS BUT BELIEVE THAT THE WORLD SHOULD COME TO

AN UNDERSTANDING IN THE SENSE OF CREATING OPERATIVE SAFEGUARDS."
THIS THING OF SUBJECTIVE GUARANTEE AND JUDGING BY COUNTRY WE
CANNOT ACCEPT, BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WORK". WE NEED TO ADOPT A CORRECT
POLICY WHICH PERMITS THE CONTROL OF THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS ON EQUAL TERMS FOR ALL. THE AMERICANS WERE GOING TOWARD
THIS ALSO. SILVEIRA REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED THAT THE DISCUSSION WITH
THE SECRETARY ONLY TURNED ON NUCLEAR PROLIERATION NOT ON RESTRIC-
TIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF REPROCESSING FACILITIES IN BRAZIL
WESTERN EUROPE WERE ENTIRELY AGAINST NUCLEAR ARMS BUT UNDERSTOOD
THE BRAZILIAN POSITION; IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO TRANSFORM A
REGION INTO AN UNDERDEVELOPED AREA THROUGH LACK OF ACCESS TO
MODER TECHNOLOGY.

8. SILVEIRA, O ESTADO SAYS, AGREED THAT A DEFROSTING OPERATION IN
THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE US HAD BEEN INITIATED
ALTHOUGH THE ICE HAD NEVER BEEN AS HARD AS APPEARED. AT TIMES THERE
WAS AN AUTOMATIC TENDENCY IN BRAZIL TO THINK THAT BRAZIL COULD
NOT HAVE THE CAPACITY TO RESIST, BUT IT DID. HE ALSO SAID,
ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, THAT THE US WAS SYMPATHETIC TO "THE
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BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLEMENTARY CREDIT FACILITIES IN THE
ENERGY AREA".

9. O ESTADO ALSO REPORTS THAT AFTER A MEETING WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRE GENSCHER, ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 31, SILVEIRA HAD SAID
THAT THE (NUCLEAR) ACCORD WOULD BE ACCOMPALISHED. THERE WERE NO
MORE PRESSURES AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCORD. SILVEIRA
THEN HAD ASKED GENSCHER WHETHER HE AGREED WITH THE STATEMENT,
AND GENSCHER HAD REPLIED: "EVEIDENTLY, THIS IS ALSO MY POSITION".

11. COMMENT. OTHER PAPERS REPEATED ESSENTIALLY THE SAME STORY.
THERE HAS BEEN SO FAR NO SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL COMMENT.

12. IN OUR VIEW, THE TIMING OF THE STORY IN O ESTADO DE SAO
PAULO, CONCERNING US CHARGES IN THE GATT, ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN
MINISTRY SOURCES, WAS POSSIBLY DELIBERATE; THE MINISTRY FREQUENTLY
PLANTS STORIES OF THIS KIND TO OFFSET NEWS OF US ACTIONS FAVORABLE
TO BRAZIL, THUS TO DAMPEN POSITIVE REACTION TO THE US WITHIN
BRAZIL. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FRIENDLY MINISTRY SOURCES THAT THE
REPORTED US "DENUNCIATION" OF BRAZIL IN THE GATT REFERS TO A
TECHNICAL NOTIFICATION, RECEIVED BY BRAZIL ON MARCH 11, LISTING
AN INVENTORY OF KNOWN BRAZILIAN EXPORT RESTRICTIONS, AND THAT
THE US NOTIFICATION, ONE OF SOME 70, WAS PART OF THE GATT'S
NORMAL WORK PROGRAM.
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